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SUBJECT: VISIT OF USG COST ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD

(CASB)

1. FOLLOWING NAMED SENIOR USG OFFICIALS OF COST ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (CHAINED BY U.S. COMPTROLLER GENERAL, MR. ELMER STAATS) WILL BE VISITING LONDON MAY 18 THROUGH MAY 23: MR. ARTHUR SCHOENHUT, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY; MR. HARRY VAN CLEVE, GENERAL COUNSEL; MR. J.L. DIGUISESSI, PROJECT DIRECTOR. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, INSTITUTE OF COST AND MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF BRITISH INDUSTRY (ROLLS ROYCE, HAWKER SIDLEY, BAC, DOWTY FUEL SYSTEMS, SHORTS AND FERRANTI), TO DISCUSS COST ACCOUNTING STANDARDS.

2. MR. A.H. BLYTH, HEAD OF CONTRACTS POLICY IN HMG MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, PLUS BRITISH EMBASSY (DEFENCE STAFF) HERE HAVE ARRANGED ALL MEETINGS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR CASB PARTY. MR. BLYTH IS PROGRAM COORDINATOR AND HAS THEIR COMPLETE LONDON ITINERARY. HE CAN BE REACHED ON 01-632-3600 OR 3601. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE AT STRAND PALACE HOTEL. THEY LEAVE WASHINGTON (WITHOUT WIVES)

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SUNDAY EVENING MAY 18, ARRIVING LONDON MORNING MAY 19.

3. CASB OFFICIALS WOULD LIKE HOST AND FINANCE A RECEPTION
LATE AFTERNOON OR EARLY EVENING WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

(COCKTAILS AND SNACKS), AND WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR
EMBASSY TO ARRANGE RECEPTION. AS PART OF GUEST LIST
(ABOUT 30 TOTAL) THEY WOULD ENCOURAGE AND WELCOME
EMBASSY OFFICIALS WHO ARE FAMILIAR OR WORK WITH THOSE
HMG OFFICIALS AND INDUSTRY REPS CASB WILL BE MEETING.
MR. BLYTH HAS LIST OF CONTACTS.

4. CASB MEMBERS PLAN CONTACTING COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR
MR. ARCHIE ANDREWS SHORTLY AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL LONDON
TO CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE
EMBASSY ASSISTANCE THIS VISIT. REGRET SHORT NOTICE
WHICH CONVEYED DEPARTMENT ONLY TODAY KISSINGER

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